Search of Rail passengers luggage

2157. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the intensive search of the luggage of passengers travelling in Express trains, being carried out by the Railway Police between Delhi-Jhansi and Jhansi-Bhopal, so much that their personal belongings are scattered on the floor of the train, to great harassment of passengers, on the pretext of security checks; and

(b) if so, the steps being contemplated by Government to check such practices by the Railway police and to find some scientific way of security checks, without causing any discomfiture to the travelling passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) This Ministry has no control over the Government Railway Police which functions under the State Government concerned. Hence, complaints of such nature are referred to the State Government concerned for taking necessary action.

Sky Bus System by Konkan Railway

2158. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Konkan Railway proposes Sky Bus System in Kerala and Andhra Pradesh", appearing in the Asian Age, dated the 23rd February, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether detailed proejct report to establish the techno-economic feasibility of the proposed Sky Bus Metro Service has been carried out, in association with the concerned State Governments, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when, the proposed Sky Buses are likely to be pressed into service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.